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6 PUBLIC COMMENTS

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1 SARAH CAFASSO: So now we're going to move
2 into the Public Comments section of the meeting. I will be
3 your cruise director. Limit your comments to three
4 minutes, and I will be timing you. When you get to 30
5 seconds, you're going to see this little guy that says 30
6 seconds. I just ask that you respect that because we're
7 trying to make sure that people who do have comments are
8 heard.

9 So, so far I only have one person who has
10 signed up. So the first person -- okay. So Debra Serrano
11 (phonetic), are you here? If you could just come up here?

12 And I will say it might be a little quiet on
13 our end because we can't -- we're not allowed to respond to
14 your comments here tonight. We have to do it in an
15 official written summary. So we'll just thank you for your
16 comments.

17 SPEAKER: Hi, my name is Debra Serrano. And
18 I just want to comment on all this. First of all, I wanted
19 to ask about the pipelines because I do know that certain
20 chemicals do stay in the pipelines, even though they have
21 been cleaned with certain chemicals to solutionize and
22 clean out all the whatever contaminants there is. But no
23 one so far that I know of, that I've researched on, which
24 is hardly any good research anyways because I do it on my
25 own, but has cleaned out the pipelines, the actual south

1 side pipelines. You know, who's to say that there is
2 chemicals still in a pocket somewhere, or being leaked out
3 every so often in certain areas, or what. But who is
4 coming over and checking those pipelines to see, you know,
5 what kind of contaminants are -- remain in those lines.

6 And then third of all, there has to be
7 something done about the south side water because not only
8 my whole family and my six sisters all have pain came down
9 one after another. And currently still, my sister, bless
10 her heart, is getting surgery today, Sonya, and in and out
11 of the hospital with cancer. My my sister, Jenny, here, my
12 sister, Terry. We just lost my nephew. And this is on and
13 on, going on ever since we moved to the south side. We
14 were healthy, young, blemishing young people then. And we
15 moved to the south side, all of us, since we were in grade
16 school. Each of us -- each one of us in our family is with
17 cancer or has a limb missing from cancer and stuff. And
18 it's been ever since we moved to the south side. You know,
19 who's responsible, what's being done, and who's hearing us?
20 You know, who's backing us up on all this, you know.
21 That's -- those are my questions, and that's -- you know,
22 I'm just trying to get -- let everybody know that. You
23 know, let's try to stick together, and let's tell our
24 neighbors, let's get everybody. Even if we have to stand
25 out here day and night, try to get as many people as we can

1 that have people, members of their family from the south
2 side that are suffering from these unknown illnesses, you
3 know, leukemia, fibromyalgia, lupus, all these other
4 symptoms that are coming out that, you know, that are being
5 due from chemicals and all that. Let's do something about
6 it and find out why they did research in the first place so
7 it won't get this far. Thank you.

8 SARAH CAFASSO: Thank you very much for the
9 comment.

10 Next person we have is Linda.

11 SPEAKER: So my comment today is I'm asking
12 EPA to shut down the wells, the pipelines. Take them
13 somewhere else, give them to somebody else, but don't feed
14 them to us, and don't feed them to any person or any human
15 beings. You do your stuff, you clean up because it's your
16 problem, not ours. You clean it up, you pay for it. It's
17 your responsibility, and that's enough.

18 Enough is enough. Too many of our children
19 have died. We are tired of having to pay these funeral
20 costs and having to bear the grieving of our family, and
21 our family members, and our children, and now our
22 grandchildren, with these illnesses. And you guys know
23 exactly what's going on.

24 So what my comment here today is that you
25 shut down the wells on the north well field, the south well

1 field. Take your TARP, take your AOP, and take it to your
2 own -- your own properties, but keep them out of our south
3 side. Get them out of our communities.

4 SARAH CAFASSO: Thank you, Linda.

5 Our final comment is from Mr. Bill Jeffers.
6 I'll come to you, Bill.

7 SPEAKER: I just wanted to say that I'm Bill
8 Jeffers. I'm a member of the UCAB. I just wanted to say
9 that plans in the back of the room, very, very good. I've
10 toured all of them before I came up to sit down, and very
11 informative, very clear, very concise, outstanding. That's
12 my comment.

13 SARAH CAFASSO: Thank you, Bill.

14 Are there any other people who would like to
15 submit official comment for the record?

16 Mr. Eduardo Quintana.

17 SPEAKER: In the summer of 1985, if I recall
18 correctly, there was a series of articles in the Arizona
19 Daily Star by a reporter. Her name was Janey Kay
20 (phonetic), who had just discovered that there was an
21 abnormal incidence of cancer clusters on the south side.
22 In just one block of Elvira there were 25 cancers in just
23 one block. And when we started looking around, we saw that
24 the pattern duplicated itself in other parts of the south
25 side.

1 So at that time we began organizing. We
2 organized Tucsonans for a Clean Environment, known as the
3 TCE Committee, which had held news conferences, and
4 rallies, and education, in trying to alert the public to
5 what we felt was a big, big issue, the TCE contamination
6 that needed to be addressed.

7 At that time we had to struggle against all
8 the regulatory agencies. You know, the main function of a
9 government is to protect the people, and the regulatory
10 agencies are supposed to serve that service by making sure
11 that industry is regulated so it doesn't poison the
12 population. But the regulatory agencies instead fought us.
13 They said we didn't know what we were talking about, there
14 was no TCE in the groundwater. If there was any TCE in the
15 groundwater, it was so minimal it couldn't possibly hurt
16 anyone.

17 The regulatory agencies failed us. They
18 failed in protecting the public health. They failed in
19 protecting the health of our children, and the generations
20 that were to come. We warned at the time that unless those
21 issues were addressed, that they could expect -- so 1985 we
22 would be seeing the same problem duplicated. And I'm real
23 disappointed that here we are 30 years later, and now
24 grandchildren are coming down with all kinds of exotic
25 diseases.

1 This is not normal, in spite of the
2 propaganda that's out in the newspapers saying that a lot
3 of cancers are just chance mutations. That's preposterous.

4 So I'd like to thank everyone for being here
5 tonight. I'd like to thank the hardworking engineers that
6 work for some of these regulatory agencies. I know that
7 you -- a lot of you have the same obstacles that we have.
8 But, you know, there's a rumor out there that comments that
9 Donald Trump, the new President, is going to eliminate the
10 EPA. And that would be -- that would be a shame.

11 But in the case of Tucson, I don't know that
12 we would notice the difference. I think there's very
13 little difference between 1985 when we fought the
14 regulatory agencies to admit that there was a problem to
15 today. We're getting the same answers. EPA does not
16 address the health concerns of the people. Who else is
17 there to address? You clean up the water, remediate the
18 aquifer, but don't address the health of the people.
19 That's preposterous.

20 SARAH CAFASSO: Thank you.

21 SPEAKER: Still not getting any answers.

22 SARAH CAFASSO: Are there any other official
23 comments for the record tonight?

24 Okay. I just want to say on behalf of the
25 whole team here, we really appreciate you being here,

1 taking the time out of your days. You know, we know that
2 you have families and lives, and we really appreciate you
3 participating in this meeting tonight.

4 We will stick around after the meeting to
5 talk to anyone who is interested one-on-one. And if you
6 will, the EPA team will be here at the Unified Community
7 Advisory Board meeting on April 19th. Thank you.

8 (The meeting concluded.)

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